

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: Volunteer Internship



Filmmaking Volunteer Internship

To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, writing sample and resume to:

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What we offer

We invite you to join a dedicated and enthusiastic team at NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries where you will gain invaluable resume-building experience and an insider's perspective from the nation's leader in ocean conservation and management. As a volunteer intern, you will work on a variety of projects focusing on media outreach and public engagement. While based at our headquarters in Silver Spring, MD (easily accessible on Metro's Red Line), you will be encouraged to attend marine conservation events, lectures, conferences and receptions that provide fantastic networking opportunities for your career development.

Position Description

The Communications, Outreach and Education Division produces and distributes Office of National Marine Sanctuaries messages through a variety of channels to a diverse audience – Capitol Hill legislators and staff, agency departments, news media, and the public. The volunteer intern will have the opportunity to create original work and collaborate on existing visual media projects; fine-tune writing and editing skills; learn media outreach strategies; and contribute to our social media efforts. Prospective volunteers should expect to work 15-25 hours per week, 5 of which must be in the ONMS Headquarters office.

The National Marine Sanctuary System manages 14 marine protected areas covering more than 150,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa.

Our mission is to protect and enhance these natural and cultural treasures for future generations through scientific research, management and education.

Major Responsibilities:

- Create original short films on sanctuary/marine conservation issues for a variety of audiences; topics may include:
 - Recreation opportunities in sanctuaries
 - Environmental issues/scientific research in sanctuaries
 - Engaging underserved communities or ethnic groups
 - Valuing marine conservation
 - Maritime heritage
- Support communications staff in populating ONMS online media library with existing film clips.
- Edit video clips from staff and guest filmmakers.
- Develop concepts, research content, write scripts and storyboards for ONMS films.
- Caption narrated video products to adhere to federal regulations.
- Work with staff team to develop and execute social media strategies.
- Bring new ideas on visual media engagement opportunities and partnerships to ONMS staff.
- Assist in special projects as needed.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in filmmaking
- Strong work ethic; self-starter; detail-oriented.
- Possession of filmmaking equipment and film-editing software.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Online research experience.
- Have a genuine interest in ocean conservation, working within a federal office, and public engagement through visual media.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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